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**RESPONSE**

**Box Non-fee Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2002. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the remarks herein are respectfully requested.

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 41-52 and 59-68 without prejudice.

Claim 69 has been amended to read:

69. (Amended) A method of treating a mammal having a blastoma cancer, comprising administering to the mammal Apo-2 ligand polypeptide in an amount effective to induce cell death in the mammal's blastoma cells, wherein said Apo-2 ligand polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of:

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- (a) a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 114-281 of Figure 1A (SEQ ID NO:1);
  - (b) a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 114-281 of Figure 1A (SEQ ID NO:1); and
  - (c) a polypeptide which is a fragment of (a) or (b).